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TO : Director of Training (EYES ONLY)

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FROM : Chief, School of International  
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Date: 26 JAN 78 By: 022I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

1. Problems. There are several problems which I am gradually realizing underlie many of the activities of SIC. I do not expect to come up with answers at this time but I do wish to single out several of the problems.

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knowledgeable individuals in the field of International Communism. As a result the instructors from SIC recognize that they often learn more than they are able to provide. These individuals must apparently expect to get specific information on their individual problems. This is not within the competence of SIC, and even if it were, would not be within its prerogatives to discuss without clearance from the various elements of DDP. It would appear, therefore, that SIC is being called upon to provide training which it cannot do. If this is a hand-holding service rather than a training function this fact must be recognized. If this is not intended as the purpose of it, I fear the Agency is suffering more than it is benefitting by SIC participation.

b. In the Communist Party Organization and Operations course the most effective pedagogic influence is, by far, [redacted]. On the other hand, a fairly careful analysis of the situation indicates to me that [redacted] presentations are based on semantics, many of which are in conflict with the analyses made by the other instructors in SIC, and even if correct, which I doubt, are frequently unimportant. No manner of discussion with [redacted] is able to change his beliefs and one is left with the helpless impression that he considers the individual incapable of understanding the finer points of Communism. I reiterate, however, that despite this situation his presentations are so effective that many individuals who have been in and around the Agency for years consider the rest of the course a waste.

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I have discussed with [REDACTED], the course supervisor, possible reorientation of the course in the future. In the main it might be analyzed as the "textbook" of anti-Communist operations whereas the ACO could be termed the "case book." We will discuss possibly attempting to put on paper the "text book" and reducing the course to a few discussion and seminar meetings to be sure the "textbook" is understood properly.

c. I have heretofore commented on the problems of the area course. I am in hopes that the present work being done upon it - to relate our study of the area of the USSR to the problems (and thereby the requirements) of the Agency - may take this out of its somewhat dull present situation.

## II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. NSA recently inquired informally through [REDACTED] as to the availability of SIC services for the training of their personnel. I advised [REDACTED] that we were not now in a position to put on a special course or courses for NSA but that their personnel would be welcome to the Introduction to Communism phase of the IOC.

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2. I discussed with [REDACTED] his future and he advised me that he planned on leaving the Agency sometime prior to the thirtieth of July. Although I had originally intended to try to make an effective date prior to the first of July, I assume that the additional thirty days can be satisfactorily worked out, particularly in view of the pending change of [REDACTED] out of SIC.

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3. With respect to the development of the Training Manual, we have three girls from the pool, one from LAS working half-days this week only, and two others detailed from PO/TR.

### 4. Tutorial Training:

30 January	8 hours
30 January	3 hours
30 January	4 hours
2 February	8 hours
2 February	4 hours
2 February	3 hours
3 February	4 hours
3 February	4 hours
3 February	8 hours
3 February	3 hours
4 February	8 hours
4 February	4 hours
4 February	3 hours
5 February	6 hours
5 February	3 hours

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